

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet comprising:
a chewing gum center;
said gum center comprising a compression of gum base granules and chewing gum additives;
said chewing gum additives comprising sweeteners and flavors;
at least a first part of said gum base granules comprising flavor or active ingredients incorporated in the gum base; and
at least a second part of said gum base granules comprising granules of conventional gum base.
2. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] first part of said gum base granules comprises flavor resistant resin.
3. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] first part of said gum base granules comprises synthetic resin.
4. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 3, wherein said synthetic resin comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate, vinyl acetate-vinyl laurate copolymers and mixtures thereof.
5. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] first part of said gum base granules are substantially wax-free.
6. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said chewing gum tablet has a water content of less than 5% by weight.

7. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said gum center is substantially free of compression aid compounds.
8. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] second part of said gum base granules is tackiness moderated.
9. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] second part of said gum base granules comprises natural resins.
10. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least [a] second part of said gum base granules comprises wax.
11. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 8, wherein said moderated tackiness is obtained by at least one natural resin incorporated in at least a part of the gum base granules.
12. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 3% to 50% by weight of natural resins.
13. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.5% to 30% by weight of elastomers.
14. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.1% to 15% by weight of flavoring agents.

15. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 9, wherein the natural resins provide[s] an improved and sticky texture of the tablet.

16. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, further comprising a barrier layer.

17. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 16, wherein the barrier layer comprises magnesium stearate.

18. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 16, wherein said barrier layer comprises at least one of metallic stearates, hydrogenated vegetable oils, partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, polyoxyethylene monostearates, animal fats, silicates, silicates dioxide, talc, magnesium stearates, calcium stearates, fumed silica, powdered hydrogenated cottonseed oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils, hydrogenated soya oil and mixtures thereof.

19. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein the gum center is substantially free of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.

20. Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said chewing gum additives comprise[s] sweeteners in an amount of from about 5% to about 95% by weight of the chewing gum.

21. – 22. Cancelled

23. (Previously presented) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum comprising:

-- mixing at least one elastomer and at least one plasticizer into a first homogenous gum base;

- incorporating an amount flavor into said first gum base;
- granulating said flavor incorporated gum base;
- mixing at least one elastomer and at least ne plasticizer into a second homogenous gum base;
- blending said first and said second gum base during addition of further chewing gum additives; and
- compressing the mixture into a tablet.

24. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 23, wherein by the granulation is performed during addition of at least one bulk sweetener.

25. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate ~~according to claim 23~~, wherein a first part of the chewing gum granulate comprises granules ~~being~~ incorporated with flavor and/or active ingredients; and a second part of the chewing gum granulate which comprises granules ~~on~~ of a conventional gum base.

26. (Previously presented) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate comprises synthetic resins.

27. (Previously presented) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25, wherein the second part of the chewing gum granules comprises gum base made on a basis of natural resins.

28. (Previously presented) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate is substantially free of natural resins.

29. (Previously presented) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate is substantially free of wax.

30. (Currently amended) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25 ~~23~~, further comprising a grinding aid.

31. (Previously presented) Chewing gum granulate according to the claim 30, wherein aid grinding aid comprises sorbitol.

32. (Currently amended) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 26, wherein said synthetic resins comprise[s] at least one of polyvinyl acetate, vinyl acetate-vinyl laurate copolymers and mixtures thereof.

33. (Currently amended) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25 ~~23~~, wherein the granulate is substantially free of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.

34. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 16, wherein the barrier layer comprises at least one of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.